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## Letter dated 22 January 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith the communiqué issued at the conclusion of the talks between the President of the Republic of Burundi and a delegation of the Parti pour la libération du peuple hutu-Forces nationales de libération.

This marks a positive step towards the negotiation of a comprehensive ceasefire that should be welcomed by the Council, together with the recent success of the work of the forum of the development partners of Burundi.

I should be grateful if this letter and the attached communiqué could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Marc **Nteturuye**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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## Annex to the letter dated 22 January 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

## Final communiqué of the meeting between Domitien Ndayizeye, President of the Republic of Burundi, and PALIPEHUTU-FNL

Talks were held from 18 to 21 January 2004 at Oisterwijk, the Netherlands, between His Excellency, Mr. Domitien Ndayizeye, President of the Republic of Burundi, and a delegation of PALIPEHUTU-FNL, led by Mr. Ibrahim Ntakirutimana.

The meeting at Oisterwijk is eloquent testimony to the desire of the two parties to find ways and means of achieving a suspension of hostilities and continuing the search for a comprehensive and inclusive peace.

The goodwill manifested by the parties will help bring to an end a conflict that has been a long nightmare for the civilian population and thus increase the chances of achieving permanent peace, national reconciliation and the reconstruction and development of the country.

At the conclusion of this meeting, the two parties agreed on the following points:

- Establishment of an international commission of inquiry into the death of the Apostolic Nuncio, without placing any obstacles in the way of a national inquiry;
- Necessity of ending the violence on the ground in order to create a climate of trust that would be conducive to dialogue;
- Desire of the two parties to see an end to the bloody clashes between PALIPEHUTU-FNL and CNDD-FDD;
- To meet without delay to discuss and exchange views on matters related to the peace process in Burundi.

The Netherlands declares itself ready to assist the parties in pursuing the discussions and in following up on the points of agreement between the two parties.

The two parties expressed appreciation for the welcome extended to them by the Government of the Netherlands and thanked the facilitators for having made the meeting possible, in particular Ms. Agnes van Ardenne-van der Hoeven, Minister for Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, for her participation in an initiative that should lead to the conclusion of an agreement between the Government of Burundi and PALIPEHUTU-FNL for a comprehensive ceasefire and participation in the institutions.

Done at Oisterwijk, on 21 January 2004, by

His Excellency, Mr. Domitien Ndayizeye
President of the Republic of Burundi

(*Signed*) (By order) Ambassador Aloys **Mbonayo**
Chef de Cabinet of the President of the Republic

(*Signed*) Ibrahim **Ntakirutimana**
Head of delegation of PALIPEHUTU-FNL